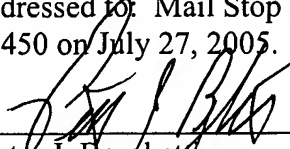




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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.133, Applicant's attorney submits the following written statement of the substance of the telephone interview conducted on February 9, 2005 among Examiner Michael J. Kyle and Applicants' attorneys, Jacob Erlich and Kathleen Chapman.

Claims discussed

1, 10, 12, 14, and 19.

Prior Art discussed

Petrovich et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,101,483)

On February 9, 2005, a telephonic interview among Examiner and Applicants' attorneys, Jacob Erlich and Kathleen Chapman, was conducted. The claims that include the term "secure memory", i.e. claims 1, 10, 12, 14, and 19, were discussed with respect to the prior art of record, i.e. Petrovich. Examiner states that Applicants' representatives contacted Examiner to discuss the definition of "secure memory" and "secured memory". Examiner states that Applicants' representatives' position was that "secure memory" and "secured memory" are terms of art, and cited passages in the specification defining the phrases. Examiner argued that "secure memory" and "secured memory" are not terms of art, and can be considered more broadly than Applicants' definition to include the configuration shown in Petrovich. Examiner states that agreement was not reached at the time in regards to the definition of these phrases.

Applicants appreciate Examiner's taking the time to discuss the differences between secure memory and access control, and respectfully present a declaration from a person of ordinary skill in the art, James D. Issak, to substantiate Applicants' position. During the interview, Examiner agreed to review such a declaration. Further, with respect to Examiner's summary, Applicants do **not** maintain that "secured memory" is a term of art, but continue to maintain that "secure memory", an element of Applicants' claims 1, 10, 12, 14, and 19, is a term of art. Although amendments were not discussed, and although Applicants believe that claims 1 and 10 are correctly claimed, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 10 to reduce any potential confusion. Applicants respectfully continue to assert that a product or resource called "secure memory" is readily available, has a specific meaning to those skilled in the art, and is not considered to be access control as is commonly known in the art and as is disclosed in Petrovich.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned with any questions that may remain at (617) 854-4000.

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